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## PROMOTING HEALTHY AGING

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting healthy aging, focusing on living your best life long into your golden years, after receiving testimony from Rudolph Tanzi, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; Susan Hughes, University of Illinois Center for Research on Health and Aging, Chicago; Diane Dickerson, Bangor Regional YMCA, Bangor, Maine; and Brian L. Long, Pennsylvania Link to Aging and Disability Resources, Lancaster.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 4484–4498; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 589, 590, 592–595 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 591, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 54) relating to a national emergency declared by the President of February 15, 2019 (H. Rept. 116–218).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Beatty to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. J.D. Greear, The Summit Church, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

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**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication:** Read a letter from Chairman DeFazio wherein he transmitted copies of six resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 19, 2019.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Secure And Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019:* H.R. 1595, amended, to create protections for

depository institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 321 yeas to 103 nays, Roll No. 544.

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**Homeland Security Improvement Act:** The House passed H.R. 2203, to increase transparency, accountability, and community engagement within the Department of Homeland Security, provide independent oversight of border security activities, improve training for agents and officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 230 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 546.

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Rejected the Green (TN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 545.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–27, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 116–217, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 577, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2203) and (H.R. 3525) and the resolution (H. Res. 576) was agreed to, as amended, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 543, after the Scanlon amendment was agreed to by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered on the amendment and the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 542.

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**Question of Privilege:** Representative McCarthy rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Hoyer motion to table H. Res. 590, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 547.

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**Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community:** The House agreed to H. Res. 576, as amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay” and two answering “present”, Roll No. 548.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendments to the text and preamble specified in section 11 are adopted and the resolution, as amended, is considered as read.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Kelly (MS) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Ratcliffe wherein he resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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**Senate Referral:** S.J. Res. 54 was held at the desk.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H7913 and H7934.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7919–20, H7920, H7973–74, H7975–76, H7976, H7977, and H7978. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AT USDA AND USAID**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “International Food Assistance Programs at USDA and USAID”. Testimony was heard from Trey Hicks, Director, Office of Food for Peace, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Ken Isley, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture.

### **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION: PROTECTING CONSUMERS AND FOSTERING COMPETITION IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “Federal Trade Commission: Protecting Consumers and Fostering Competition in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from Rohit Chopra, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and Joseph J. Simons, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

### **INVESTMENTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH AT FIVE INSTITUTES AND CENTERS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Investments in Medical Research at Five Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health”. Testimony was heard from the following National Institutes of Health officials: Francis Collins, M.D., Director; Bruce Tromberg, Director, National Institutes of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; Eliseo Perez-Stable, M.D., Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Helene Langevin, M.D., Director, National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health; Christopher Austin, M.D., Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences; and Patricia Flatley Brennan, Director, National Library of Medicine.

### **OVERSIGHT HEARING: FAA AVIATION CERTIFICATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: FAA Aviation Certification”. Testimony was heard from Daniel K. Elwell, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; and Earl Lawrence, Executive Director,